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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A w/o emulsion antiperspirant composition comprising an oil continuous phase and at least one aqueous dispersed phase, wherein the composition further comprises a dissolved antiperspirant salt, an emulsifier and, in a disperse phase separate from the dissolved antiperspirant salt, a polymer comprising Brønsted acid groups wherein the dissolved antiperspirant salt is in an aqueous dispersed phase and the polymer comprising Brønsted acid groups is in a phase separate from that of the dissolved antiperspirant salt, and wherein the proportion of aqueous dispered-dispersed phase (s) within the total composition is from 50% to 90% by weight, excluding any volatile propellant that may be present.

Claim 2 (Original) An antiperspirant composition according to claim 1, wherein the polymer comprising Brønsted acid groups is suspended as a solid in an oil continuous phase.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended) An antiperspirant composition according to claim 1, comprising an aqueous solution of the polymer comprising Brønsted acid groups emulsified as a separate aqueous dispersed phase.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented) An antiperspirant composition according claim 1, comprising a silicone oil.

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Claim 5 (Previously Presented) An antiperspirant composition according to claim 1, wherein the emulsifier is a silicone derivative.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented) An antiperspirant composition according to claim 1, wherein the emulsifier is present at from 0.4% to 0.6% by weight.

Claim 7 (Original) An antiperspirant composition according to claim 2, wherein the level of Brønsted acid groups in the polymer is less than 4 mmole/g.

Claim 8 (Cancelled)

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) A method of reducing perspiration comprising the application to the human body of a w/o emulsion composition as described in claim 1 ~~comprising a dissolved antiperspirant salt and an emulsifier, and the co-application, from a disperse phase separate from the dissolved antiperspirant salt, of a polymer comprising Brønsted acid groups.~~

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) A method of manufacture of an antiperspirant composition as described in claim 1, said method comprising emulsification of an aqueous solution of an antiperspirant salt in an oil continuous phase, followed by mixing of the emulsion so formed with a separate phase comprising a polymer comprising Brønsted acid groups.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented) An antiperspirant composition according to claim 1 wherein the Brønsted and acid groups are selected from carboxylic acid groups, sulphonic acid groups and phosphonic acid groups, and anhydride groups and

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wherein the Brønsted acid groups may be present in their protonated form or in their neutralized form as salt groups.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented) An antiperspirant composition according to claim 1 wherein the polymer comprising Brønsted acid groups has an acid value of greater than 320.

Claim 13 (New) An antiperspirant composition according to claim 1 wherein the proportion of aqueous dispersed phase(s) within the total composition is from 70 to 90% by weight, excluding any volatile propellant that may be present.